

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for creating at least one operating system font from a
2 printer metrics file containing at least one set of font metrics, each set of font
3 metrics representing one font, the method comprising:

4 (a) opening a printer metrics file;

5 (b) reading one set of the at least one set of font metrics from
6 the printer metrics file; and,

7 (c) creating an operating system font from the one read set of
8 font metrics.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein reading the one set of font metrics
2 includes reading at least the width and height of the font represented by the one
3 read set of font metrics.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein creating the operating system font
2 from the one read set of font metrics includes:

3 (a) applying the one read set of font metrics to a font template;

4 and,

5 (b) saving the font template as an operating system font.

1 4. The method of claim 1 further including installing the operating
2 system font on an operating system.

1 5. The method of claim 4 further including registering the operating
2 system font with an operating system.

1 6. The method of claim 1 further including:

2 (a) determining a name for the operating system font; and,

3 (b) recording the name of the operating system font with a
4 printer driver associated with the printer metrics file.

1 7. The method of claim 1 further including repeating steps (b) and (c)
2 for each of the at least one set of font metrics contained in the printer metrics
3 file.

1 8. A system for creating at least one operating system font from a
2 printer metrics file containing at least one set of font metrics, each set of font
3 metrics representing one font, the system comprising:

4 (a) means for opening a printer metrics file;

5 (b) means for reading one set of the at least one set of font
6 metrics from the printer metrics file; and,

7 (c) means for creating an operating system font from a read set
8 of font metrics.

1 9. The system of claim 8 wherein the means for reading the one set
2 of font metrics includes means for reading at least the width and height of the
3 font represented by the one set of font metrics.

1 10. The system of claim 8 wherein the means for creating the
2 operating system font from the one set of font metrics includes:

3 (a) means for applying the one set of font metrics to a font
4 template; and,

5 (b) means for saving the font template as an operating system
6 font.

1 11. The system of claim 8 further including means for installing the
2 operating system font on an operating system.

1 12. The system of claim 11 further including means for registering the
2 operating system font with an operating system.

1 13. The system of claim 8 further including:

2 (a) means for determining a name for the operating system
3 font; and,

4 (b) means for recording the name of the operating system font
5 with a printer driver associated with the printer metrics file.

1 14. A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly
2 embodying a program, applet, or instructions executable by the computer to
3 perform method steps for creating at least one operating system font from a
4 printer metrics file containing at least one set of font metrics, each set of font
5 metrics representing one font, the method steps comprising:

6 (a) opening a printer metrics file;

7 (b) reading one of the at least one set of font metrics from the
8 printer metrics file; and,

9 (c) creating an operating system font from the one read set of
10 font metrics.

1 15. The program storage device of claim 14 wherein the method step
2 of reading the one set of font metrics includes a method step of reading at least
3 the width and height of the font represented by the one read set of font metrics.

1 16. The program storage device of claim 14 wherein the method step
2 of creating the operating system font from the one read set of font metrics
3 includes the method steps:

4 (a) applying the one read set of font metrics to a font template;

5 and,

6 (b) saving the font template as an operating system font.

1 17. The program storage device of claim 14 wherein the method steps
2 further include installing the operating system font on an operating system.

1 18. The program storage device of claim 17 wherein the method steps
2 further include registering the operating system font with an operating system.

1 19. The program storage device of claim 14 wherein the method steps
2 further include:

3 (a) determining a name for the operating system font; and,

4 (b) recording the name of the operating system font with a

5 printer driver associated with the printer metrics file.

1 20. The program storage device of claim 14 wherein the method steps
2 further include repeating the method steps (b) and (c) for each of the at least
3 one set of font metrics contained in the printer metrics file.